

HEALTH PLAN OF SAN JOAQUIN		
Subject: Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program		
Department: Medical Management – Pharmacy	Policy #: UM 52	
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POLICY

WIC services are not covered by the Health Plan of San Joaquin; however, members of the Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ) who are eligible for WIC supplemental food services **will** be referred to the San Joaquin County WIC Providers. HPSJ will be responsible for the Hemoglobin or hematocrite laboratory value. These lab values will be documented in the members medical record with the PCP.

PROCEDURE

A. Identification and Referral

1. The Primary Care Physician (PCP) is responsible for identifying pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum women, and children under the age of five who are eligible for WIC supplemental food when conducting:
 - a) an Initial Health Assessment (IHA), performed within 120 days of enrollment in the Health Plan of San Joaquin,
 - b) a Comprehensive Prenatal Service Program (CPSP) health assessment services, provided for pregnant women,
 - c) a Child Health Disability Prevention Program (CHDP), health assessment services provided for children,
2. PCPs will perform a nutritional assessment, as well as hemoglobin or hematocrit laboratory tests, and refer each WIC-eligible member to a County WIC program.
3. Lab results will be included in the PCP’s referral and be reported on a CHDP PM160 form for children, or the CPSP assessment tool for women, to the WIC program.

B. Follow-up, Education, and Training

1. As part of ongoing Provider training, HPSJ will work to ensure that Providers understand the WIC program, eligibility requirements, and the referral process. Appropriate referral to WIC will be one of the issues examined as part of HPSJ Medical Record review during the Initial Health Assessment Audit conducted by the Quality Improvement Department.

2. The HPSJ via member handbook, newsletters and brochures seeks to promote member understanding of the WIC program, the need for and how to obtain services, and the benefits to be realized by following instructions received.

REFERENCE

- B. Title 42 CFR 431.635(c)
- C. Title 22, Sections 50157 and 50184
- D. DHS Contract Exhibit A, Attachment 11.16
- E. MOU with Public Health

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